

FOREST FIRE PROTECTION (FFP) GRANT PROGRAM

Authorization: ss. 26.145(1), (2), and (3), Wis. Stats.; ch. NR 47, subchapters I and VIII, Wis. Admin. Code

Budget:

State appropriation (Annual/SEG)	\$448,000
Federal State Fire Assistance appropriation (Title 2)	\$200,576*
Federal Volunteer Fire Assistance appropriation (Title 4)	\$126,424*
Total annual allotment for FFP Program	\$775,000

**federal amount varies year to year*

Objective: To expand the use of local fire departments to augment and strengthen the DNR's overall initial attack fire suppression capabilities on forest fires by providing forest fire protection grants to municipal fire departments and other fire suppression organizations.

Eligibility: Cities, villages, towns, counties, tribal governments, and fire suppression organizations that enter into a written agreement with the DNR in which the municipality or fire suppression organization agrees to assist the DNR in suppression of forest fires at the Department's request.

Level of Assistance: 50% matching grants for eligible project costs; limit of \$10,000 to individual fire departments; limit of \$25,000 to county fire suppression organizations.

Priorities: Personal protective equipment; forest fire training; forest fire prevention; forest fire suppression equipment and dry hydrants; communication equipment; mapping; vehicles.

Eligible Types of Project: Personal protective equipment; forest fire training; forest fire prevention; forest fire suppression tools, equipment, supplies and materials, and dry hydrants; communication equipment; mapping, rural numbering systems, and direction/location devices such as global position systems; vehicles (limited to individual fire department applicants; all-terrain vehicles are ineligible).

Applications: Mailed in late April each year to all known WI fire suppression organizations having a written fire suppression agreement with the DNR; also available upon request and on the DNR's website. Submittal deadline: July 1 of each year.

History: This grant program was created in 1997 to provide grant funds to encourage and support local volunteer fire organizations that assist the DNR in initial attack of forest fires.

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